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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
for Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: SAAG FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 4 & 5

Your letter dated April 3, 1997, documented your approval of Amendment Number No. 4 & 5 to the Stanislaus Area Association of Governments' (SAAG) 1996/97 to 1998/99 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). SAAG's TIP Amendment No. 4 and 5 deletes the following projects:

Amendment No. 4

- **Local Highway Element** - Eight Surface Transportation Program (STP) projects listed in the "Prior Year" column of the project listing from the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and deletes one Section 130 (Rail Grade Crossing Safety Improvement project) listed in the "Prior Year" column of the project listing from the FTIP.
- **Transit Element** - All Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 projects listed in the "Prior Year" column of the project listings from the FTIP.

Amendment No. 5

- **Local Highway Element** - Two STP projects in City of Oakdale and apply those funds towards two already programmed STP projects.

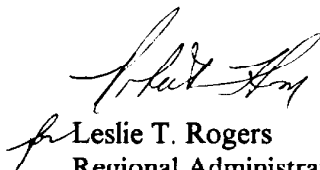
We find these TIP Amendments were developed based on a continuing, comprehensive, coordinated transportation process in accordance with the provisions of 23 USC 134. The updated programming is for project types within Table 2- Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR 51.460 are

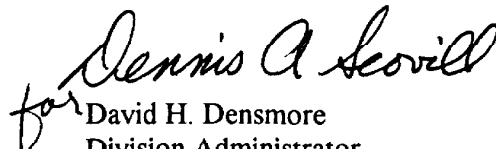
exempt from the conformity determination requirement, or have been found by the SAAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. These funds are managed by the Department at the statewide level and are already reserved within the STIP. Financial Plan. This FTIP Amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

This finding has been coordinated with the regional offices of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This letter constitutes FHWA/FTA joint approval, and inclusion of SAAG's Amendment No. 4 & 5 into California's 1996/97 to 1998/99 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely,

  
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for David H. Densmore  
Division Administrator  
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SAAG TIP Binder, w/cy of Amendment  
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